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SHANGHAI IN GLOOMY MOOD

SHANGHAI, OCT. 25. THE END OF A HUNDRED YEARS OF SPECIAL PRIVILEGES HAVE LEFT FOREIGN OWNERS OF SHANGHAI BUSINESS FIRMS AWAITING UNEASILY THE TERMS OF THE NEW TREATIES OR AGREEMENTS YET TO BE DRAWN. THE ABOLITION OF JURISDICTIONAL IMMUNITY HAS CAUSED SOME FOREIGN BUSINESSMEN TO LEAVE THE FIELD BUT OTHERS ARE HOPING THAT CHINA WILL OFFER SOME LEGAL AND ECONOMIC INDUCEMENTS FOR THEM TO REMAIN.

New arrivals from the United States are lingering uncertainly.

An official of the Chinese Government said that companies doing business abroad, which are already licensed to operate in China, will not be required to incorporate.

A message from Chungking, however, states that the Chinese Government, Mr. P. H. Chang, said that foreign-owned utilities in Shanghai which do no business abroad will be required to be incorporated as Chinese companies after January 1st, next year but will be allowed to retain their foreign ownership.—Associated Press.

CHINESE COMPANY LAW

CHUNGKING, OCT. 25. The revised Chinese company law which may affect the status, but not the ownership of British public utilities in Shanghai, has passed its third reading in the Legislative Yuan and will be promulgated in early November, a Cabinet spokesman announced.

The spokesman said that foreign companies doing business outside, as well as inside China, which have already been registered in China and are doing business there will not be affected, but foreign companies operating in China only will have to be incorporated as Chinese companies.

Under the new law three requisites for a foreign company to operate in China will be: first, for the purpose of making profits the company must have been incorporated in a foreign country according to that country's law; second, it must be actually doing business with that foreign country; and third, it must have obtained the Chinese Government's permission to transact business in China.—Reuter.

BRITAIN LAGS IN ATOMIC RACE

LONDON, OCT. 25. AMERICA AND RUSSIA MAY BEAT BRITAIN BY NO LESS THAN EIGHT YEARS IN THE RACE TO APPLY ATOMIC ENERGY TO INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES, THE "LONDON NEWS CHRONICLE" DECLARES TODAY.

THE PAPER'S SCIENCE EDITOR, RITCHIE CALDER, IN AN ARTICLE SPLASHED OVER THE PAPER'S FRONT PAGE UNDER THE BANNER HEADLINE OF "U.S. AND RUSSIA BEATING BRITAIN IN RACE TO USE ATOM ENERGY," SAYS PRESENT ESTIMATES ARE THAT IF THE RACE DEVELOPS ON PURELY NATIONAL LINES, THE UNITED STATES WILL HAVE ATOMIC ENGINES IN INDUSTRY IN TWO YEARS' TIME.

Potentiality Of Atomic Energy

LONDON, OCT. 25. PROFESSOR M. L. E. OLIPHANT, HEAD OF A TEAM OF BRITISH SCIENTISTS, WHO COOPERATED IN THE PRODUCTION OF THE ATOMIC BOMB, SAID IN A SPEECH HERE THAT PEACE-TIME POTENTIALITIES OF ATOMIC ENERGY WERE:

"As against one kilowatt of electricity produced by one pound of coal, one pound of uranium releases fifteen million kilowatt of electricity."

"A car could be driven over twelve million miles by one pound of uranium."

"At a cost of fifty to one hundred million sterling Great Britain could see this discovery through in four to five years."

"At last mankind has a method of landscaping the earth and making profound geological changes. Deserts and arid regions of the world may blossom."—Reuter.

MALAYA DISTURBANCE

Singapore, Oct. 25. British and Indian troops were called out to disperse demonstrations staged by all sections of the community in towns and villages throughout the great tin producing state of Perak last week-end, states a delayed official report from Taiping.

The processions were headed by men carrying banners inscribed, "We want work," "We want rice." One man was killed and several wounded when the troops fired on a large crowd that refused to disperse in the Sungai Siput area.

At Parit Buntar, the local Civil Affairs Officer was taken as a hostage by the mob and when Indian troops—who have been forbidden to use arms—tried to rescue him they were beaten up.—Reuter.

MALAYAN WAR CLAIMS

London, Oct. 25. Mr. George Hall, Colonial Secretary, disclosed in the House of Commons that arrangements were being made to set up a Claims' Registration office in Malaya to register all claims against the civil authorities, including claims in respect of personal loss of property and goods.

Mr. Hall added: "I am not yet in a position to state the extent to which it may prove possible to pay compensation in respect of such losses. Accordingly, registration must not be considered as committing the future Malayan Government to the payment of compensation."—Reuter.

Another War Prophet

Kyoto, Oct. 25. The future war, if it comes, will be but a single giant storm thrown at a nation, according to the air authority, Major Alexander Deseruky.

A long knock-out punch, said Major Deseruky in an interview at the 6th Army Headquarters, would destroy at once the forces of air, power and electronic defenses, industrial and potential.

"Hiroshima's fate will be classed as the text for the next war" with the campaign against Japan, the pattern into which scientific developments will force future warfare," Major Deseruky said.—Associated Press.

U.N. ORGANISATION TAKES FORM

Washington, Oct. 25. The United Nations' Organisation came into existence at 9.47 G.M.T. last night when the United States Secretary of State, Mr. James F. Byrnes, signed the protocol of the deposition of ratifications to the United Nations Charter.

Mr. Byrnes acknowledged receipt of majority of the ratifications, including those of the Big Five—Britain, Soviet Russia, China, France and the United States.—Reuter.

TRUMAN WRITES TO STALIN

WASHINGTON, OCT. 25. THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. JAMES BYRNES, INDICATED YESTERDAY THAT PRESIDENT TRUMAN IS STILL AWAITING A REPLY FROM MARSHAL STALIN ON HIS PROPOSALS TO SMOOTHEN THE DIFFICULTIES BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND RUSSIA.

Mr. Byrnes characterised as completely untrue a report to the effect that the Russian financial proposals to the United States had been pigeon-holed pending an improvement in relations between the two countries.

He said that he understood that the Soviet representatives some time ago asked for a credit of a billion dollars.—Associated Press.

NO DEVELOPMENT Washington, Oct. 25. Mr. James Byrnes, United States Secretary of State, in his press conference today, reported no developments in the White House correspondence to Moscow and London in an attempt to break the impasse after the Foreign Ministers' Conference in London.—Reuter.

Early Repatriation From Macao?

(By Our Own Correspondent)

MACAO, OCT. 24. RUMOURS ARE CIRCULATING HERE TO THE EFFECT THAT THE HONG KONG AND MACAO GOVERNMENTS ARE MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE REPATRIATION OF ALL FORMER HONG KONG RESIDENTS BEFORE DECEMBER 31. THE MAJORITY OF REFUGEES AT PRESENT IN MACAO ARE MOST ANXIOUS TO RETURN TO HONG KONG, ESPECIALLY THE PORTUGUESE, WHOSE GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES NOW EXTENDED TO THEM WILL BE STOPPED BY DECEMBER 31.

Significant fact in this connection was the recent visit to Hong Kong of Captain J. J. Silva e Costa, Chef du Cabinet to His Excellency the Governor of Macao, who returned to Macao this morning.

Captain Costa is the Macao Government Delegate with the Portuguese Refugee Committee. It is authoritatively learned that the Banco Nacional Ultramarino (the Portuguese National Overseas Bank) will establish a branch in Hong Kong in the near future in order to foster commercial relations between the two Colonies, and that it will be under the management of Dr. P. J. Lobo, the Director of the Economic Services in Macao.

The Bank is partly owned by the Portuguese Government.

600 HOLLYWOOD ARRESTS

Cincinnati, Oct. 25. The American Federation of Labour Executive Council has ordered the termination of the thirty-three week Hollywood Motion Picture strike, pending attempts to settle the Union's jurisdictional disputes.

The police arrested some six hundred persons in a mass roundup of strike sympathisers in two Hollywood studios following yesterday's violence in which fifty persons were injured.—Associated Press.

SOEKARNO MAKES OFFER TO DUTCH

BATAVIA, OCT. 25. DOCTOR SOEKARNO, IN AN INTERVIEW TO-DAY SAYS: "NO POWER ON EARTH CAN STOP THE INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT OF THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES. HE PROMISED AN 'OPEN DOOR POLICY' AS FAR AS FOREIGN INVESTORS WERE CONCERNED."

"WE DON'T WANT TO THROW THE DUTCH INTO THE SEA. THEY CAN MAINTAIN THEIR FINANCIAL HOLDINGS HERE—THESE THINGS CAN BE ARRANGED BY TREATY WITH THE DUTCH," HE SAID.

"Every Indonesian understands why I collaborated with the Japanese. The Japanese tried to use the Indonesians for their own purposes and let us work for our independence under false promises, but we turned the tables on them. We prepared for the hour of liberty and then took matters in our own hands."

Dr. Soekarno declared that his administration now completely controlled the public services, which he said were running smoothly "to the wonderment of the Dutch colonisers and despite chaotic conditions generally."

He accused the Dutch of flooding the country with newly-made Japanese guilders to add to the financial problems but promised quick action.

"Right now we are seeking the aid of American financiers to advise my financial minister. We need American financial and technical help to develop our country," he concluded.—Associated Press.

BATAVIA SHOOTING

BATAVIA, OCT. 25. Doctor Soekarno, self-styled President of the Indonesian Republic, has announced that he would invite a committee from the British House of Commons and the American Congress to visit Indonesia and "see for themselves the true situation."

He and his fellows are expected to hold out for an independent republic under the United Nations trusteeship.

The Dutch News Agency Aneta has reported that thirty Indonesians were killed when they attempted to surround a Dutch barracks in the outskirts of Batavia.—Associated Press.

Changes His Mind

Washington, Oct. 25. Representative W. L. Elickerham, one of the supporters favouring a national home for the Jews in Palestine said he had now changed his mind and believed such was not the intention of the Jews themselves.

Nothing should be done about immigration into Palestine without consultation and approval of both Jews and Arabs, he said.

Elickerham said that the situation was "dynamic" and that economy, peace of the world and trade all hinge upon the outcome of this situation because it is tied in with the oil problem in the Near East.

"If we continue to agitate the Jews in Palestine" the Arabs might cancel the American oil concessions in Saudi Arabia, Basra, Kuwait, Iraq and Iran.—Associated Press.

Germany's War Guilt

Berlin, Oct. 25. Germany's war guilt has been admitted by the German Evangelical Congress which met at Stuttgart last week, the British Control Commission reports.

The admission was made in a declaration signed by all the prominent church leaders present, including Pastor Niemöller.

"Solidarity of guilt," the declaration said "with great pain, that through us has endless suffering been brought to many people and countries." The document was presented to delegates of the world churchmen who were visiting Germany.—Reuter.

Generalissimo and Madame Return

Chungking, Oct. 25. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and Madame Chiang Kai-shek returned on Tuesday to Chungking from a trip into Western Szechwan. The trip was made partly by motor car and partly in the generalissimo's plane, "Mao Ling," named after Madame Chiang.—Associated Press.

London Cab Murder

LONDON, OCT. 25. LONDON CABMEN ARE HELPING TO RAISE THE REWARD OF ONE THOUSAND POUNDS FOR THE ARREST OF THE MAN OR MEN WHO MURDERED FRANK (THE DUKE) EVERITT, TAXI-DRIVER, WHOSE BODY WAS FOUND IN A SHELTER ON LAMBETH BRIDGE LAST THURSDAY.

The last fare of Everitt's could obviously be of great assistance to the Police, for it is probable that he may have been acquainted with Everitt. Efforts to trace this fare are being continued.

The plan of the murder clearly points to someone well aware of Everitt's movements and circumstances seem to restrict possible suspects to people with extensive knowledge of London streets.

The spot chosen for the abandonment of the taxi shows a complete knowledge of London's "black spots."

No better place could have been found. It was a deserted cul de sac, surrounded by houses too badly bombed for occupation and the taxi was left behind these on a deserted piece of ground.—Reuter.

No Austerity Suit For Army

London, Oct. 25. Demobilised men will get the finest suits money can buy, said the Minister of Supply, Mr. John Wilmot, in a speech to clothing workers at Shoreditch.

"Each man will be given a better suit than I have—this one is austerity," he added.

Suits for demobilised men were priority number one. There must be 65,000 turned out every week. Three million men had to be reclothed by June 30 next year, said Mr. Wilmot.

Servicemen would be walking about looking immaculate but civilians would have to be content for a little longer to go about looking "dingy"—and he glanced down at his own austerity suit without a turn-up.—Reuter.

Atlantic Gale

Liverpool, Oct. 25. Bad weather again prevented the liner "Georgie," carrying troops and Indian students from India, from berthing at Liverpool today.

She spent the night in the shelter of Mersey Bar, 13 miles from the landing stage, and today tidal and weather conditions did not permit movement of the ship.

She is now expected to arrive to-morrow.—Reuter.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

The Baillies Public School will re-open on November 1st at the Northcote Training College, Bonham Road.

Registration for Standards 1-4 and Classes 5-8 will be on Monday and Tuesday, October 29-30, from 9.15 a.m. and 2.4 p.m. The fees will be as in 1941.

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MILITARY ADMINISTRATION

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On and from Saturday, 27th October 1945, the following fares will be charged for travel by train between Stations on the British Section.

Between Kowloon and Shatin	50 cents
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Yau-mati	
Between Kowloon and Tai-po	
or	
Yau-mati	
Between Kowloon and Fanling	\$1.00
or	
Yau-mati	
Between Kowloon and Lowu	\$1.50
or	
Yau-mati	
Between Kowloon and Shum Chun	\$2.00
Between Shatin and Tai-po or Tai-po Market	50 cents
Between Shatin and Fanling or Sheung Shui	\$1.00
Between Shatin and Lowu or Shum Chun	\$1.50
Between Tai-po and Fanling	
or	
Tai-po Mkt. Sheung Shui	50 cents
Between Tai-po and Lowu	
or	
Tai-po Mkt. Shum Chun	\$1.00
Between Fanling and Lowu	
or	
Sheung Shui Shum Chun	50 cents

The fares at present will be one class only and issues will be limited. Priority will be afforded to those travelling on Administrative business.

The Public are warned that bookings may be suspended at any time without notice.

Kowloon,
Tel. 50400.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONG KONG

MILITARY COURTS
PROCLAMATION
NO. 8 OF 1945
AUTHORISED ADVOCATE

NOTICE is hereby given that in pursuance of Article 19 (1) of the above Proclamation, I, GEORGE E. STRICKLAND, Colonel, Civil Affairs, Legal Branch, have authorised the person whose name appears hereafter to act as an Advocate and conduct the defences of persons charged before the Standing Military Court, namely:—

KWAN HOK LUM
Dated the 23rd day of October, 1945.
GEORGE E. STRICKLAND
Colonel (C.A.)
Legal

REMINDER

The attention of Medical Practitioners is drawn to the provisions of the Medical Registration Ordinance No. 41 of 1935. Section 4 (3) reads as follows:

Every person registered shall furnish to the Medical Board an address within the Colony at which all notices from the Medical Board may be served on him.

This address shall be entered in the register.

Section 15 reads as follows:—

- Every person who—
- (1) wilfully and falsely takes or uses any name, title, or addition implying a qualification to practise medicine or surgery; or
 - (2) not being registered, practises for gain, professes to practise, or publishes his name as practising medicine or surgery, or receives any payment as practising medicine or surgery,

shall upon summary conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars and to imprisonment for any term not exceeding six months.

J. R. FEHILY
Col.
D. D. M. S. (C. A.)

Hong Kong,
October 24, 1945.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The management of the Yick Cheung Hong, owner of the m.v. Artemis tenders its deep gratitude for assistance given by the British naval ships H.M.M.F.V. 1092 and H.M.M.F.V. 1156 and their commanding officers C. R. Tombs and M.O.G. Buxton and members of the Royal Navy in bringing the Artemis to safety after it was holed two miles west of the East Brothers Island after striking the funnel of the Ling Nan Maru wreck.

In particular the Company also wishes to thank His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, Rear-Admiral Cecil H. J. Harcourt who during his visit to Tai O on October 18th saw that the Artemis was in distress and immediately called for assistance from the Royal Navy resulting in the timely rescue of the Artemis.

The Company is grateful also for the despatch of a tug by the Harbour Master to tow the Artemis back to Hong Kong for repair.

We wish to thank also our friends who have shown their concern towards our recent mishap.

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JOE STALIN

Rumours about the health of M. Joseph Stalin appear to be without foundation. Which is an excellent thing. Relations between Soviet Russia and her allies of the war have deteriorated so seriously that M. Stalin's disappearance from the Russian political stage just now would be little short of tragic. For Stalin is one of the few survivors of the old Bolsheviks whose characteristic has been an international outlook. His past associations are likely to attach him more closely to the idea of collective security than could be expected of a successor thrown up by the Red Army. That he is fundamentally a man of peace is also contended by the Senator Claude Pepper who, after a recent interview, wrote: "One feels, after talking with him, a new assurance of his desire to join with the United Nations in building a better world."

Anxious that the mistakes made after World War I should not be repeated, Russia evidently is bent on long-term severity against Germany and Japan, and for the former specifically recommends that she should be deprived of the Ruhr, whence her fighting potential has always been derived. How far the Western Allies agree about this is not clear. But that their attitude about Nazism remains healthy was refreshingly shown by Gen. Patton's recent dismissal. Had his fine record as field commander enabled him to have his way politically in Bavaria, there would have been cause for further mistrust between Russia and the Western Powers. Incidentally, cause for more reassurance was provided yesterday by announcement of Soviet ratification of the United Nations Charter, thus bringing the World Organisation into being. There are, in fact, additional signs of continuity in vision and right judgment, discernible despite so much that bewilders or disturbs. Once the initial shock of the clash has worn off, perhaps the breakdown of the Foreign Ministers' Council will prove less harmful than has been feared. Earlier in the war, a suggestion received favour that formal peace treaties might with advantage be deferred for some years. Admittedly, in the meantime, acute difficulties might develop, but there is no danger of Japan or Germany rising again merely because the Allies find themselves with incompatible policies, and it would be absurd to think that the Allies themselves could have either the energy or the inclination to fight one another. If major calamities are avoided, it may be found, after demobilisation, and rehabilitation work have proceeded, that many of the issues now causing conflict have lost much of their urgency and significance.

13TH ARMY SAILING

The Chinese 13th Army are sailing this morning on board four United States P.A. transports bound for Shanghai and eventually Dairen. One division may be left to augment the garrison at Shanghai.

Sailing to-day will be the 89th, 4th and 54th Divisions. Some services and auxiliary units have been left at the Garden City camp. They will sail in a few days with the Chinese 8th Army who will also go north through Hong Kong on American transports.

General Shek Koi, commander of the 13th Army, was last night being fêted by local Chinese at some undisclosed restaurant.

N.Y. BOXING RESULT

New York, Oct. 25. Sammy Angott, former lightweight boxing champion, won a 10-round decision last night over Danny Kaplow of Brooklyn. Both weighed 145 pounds. Associated Press.

Abbas Khan's Sunday morning cinema shows are to begin at 10 a.m. instead of eleven, as there will be an extra newsworld in the programme.

MAJOR BOXER OFF
TO AMERICA.

ANY ACCOMMODATION IS BETTER THAN NONE WHEN ONE IS IN A HURRY. SUCH WAS THE DECISION OF MAJOR CHARLES BOXER VETERAN INQUIRER INTO JAPANESE HISTORY AND PSYCHOLOGY, WHO LEFT HONG KONG YESTERDAY MORNING BY A SMALL TRANSPORT-FREIGHTER DIRECTLY BOUND FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

FROM "OLD GOLD MOUNTAIN" — AS THE CHINESE CALL SAN FRANCISCO, MAJOR BOXER IS NEW YORK-BOUND BY THE FASTEST TRANSPORT AVAILABLE. THERE HE IS TO RE-INTRODUCE HIMSELF TO MISS CAROLA BOXER, JUST TURNED FOUR YEARS OF AGE A FEW DAYS AGO. IT WILL BE THE MAJOR'S FIRST EXCHANGE OF ACTUAL SPEECH WITH CAROLA.

When he last saw her in Hong Kong she was nearing two, picking flowers in a wide area in the vicinity of the Argyle Street Internment Camp, and privately dancing at home to Japanese martial music willingly supplied for the spectacle by grinning Japanese newspapermen.

Carola's mother, authoress Emily Hahn, better-known as "Mickey," the author of the now-sensational "China to Me" was dodging German-interest in her opinions on Japanese chances of winning the war by slapping the faces of Japanese persons especially picked out for this treatment on the basis that they were not important enough to develop horrible manners.

Major Boxer has read "China to Me." He was not startled and had no other comment to make on it other than that it opened a new line in literature that had unlimited possibilities that would in turn provide its exact limitations. On Mickey he has no comment to make other than that American and other press reports to the effect that he is out to reform her are not incorrect and are actual "quotes."

Major Boxer is renowned as a Japanese scholar. In actual fact, he is perhaps the best-informed man in the world on the Portuguese and Dutch commercial war over the Japanese market in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth centuries.

His first language is Portuguese, with which he converses fluently. Portuguese in Hong Kong who are better English-speakers than Portuguese. He knows some Dutch but claims no mastery. He is fairly fluent in Japanese but there are two Royal Naval men in town who know it better.

The Japanese had always a deep respect for Major Boxer. Under interrogation, he was disinterested in their bad manners, other than inquiring as to the necessity for them in the Japanese conception of things. He was politely told that no man would hazard his life

by admitting complicity in espionage unless he was first put through the mill.

Major Boxer's reply was something in the nature of "baka" and the Japanese decided that there was a possibility of losing face if the interrogation was continued. So they told him he was sentenced to imprisonment.

Today, Major Boxer is out at sea, probably deluding the skipper with the land-crab's usually annoying inquiry of mariners as to "When will we be there?" After New York, he is returning to his home in Dorsetshire.

MR. AMERY'S TRIBUTE

London, Oct. 25. Mr. L. S. Amery, former Secretary of State for India, proposing a vote of thanks to the South African Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. J. H. Hofmeyr, when he addressed a meeting of the Royal Empire Society to-day in London, said that no South African statesman of this generation had contributed more towards the development of better racial understanding between the white and black than Mr. Hofmeyr.

"The South African policy in this regard has had many critics and Mr. Hofmeyr has been one of the most outspoken, but few people who know South Africa knew that in South Africa the black man has made more progress than anywhere else in the Commonwealth," Mr. Amery added.

Mr. Amery expressed thanks to General Smuts and the people of South Africa for the "wonderful part they had played in helping to see the world through to freedom."—Reuter.

RELIEF OF DISTRESS
IN HONG KONG

AT THE SUGGESTION OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, HONG KONG, (REAR-ADMIRAL CECIL HARCOURT), A JOINT FUND HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THE RELIEF OF DISTRESS IN HONG KONG.

Drawing attention to this in a letter to commanding officers of H.M. Ships in port, the commander in chief says:

"Hong Kong has been British for over a hundred years. The majority of her Chinese citizens are British subjects by birth and the colony has always had strong ties with the Mother country. The services will have observed for themselves the warmth of the welcome accorded them by the populace."

"Hong Kong fell to Japanese attack on December 8th 1941 after an assault lasting eighteen days. During that battle and through the three and a half years of enemy occupation which followed, many British have cause to remember acts of kindness, performed at the risk of torture and death, on the part of the Chinese community. Many Chinese in the colony suffered at the hands of Japan and are now destitute."

It was suggested that in view of the hardships the poor of the colony had undergone, and of the condition in which they now found themselves, service personnel might wish to contribute to a joint fund for the relief of distress in Hong Kong.

Money so collected will be handed by the Commander in Chief to a small committee of Chinese representatives and distributed through established charitable organizations which have a long and honourable record in Hong Kong.

Service units and ships have already begun to contribute and in addition football games, dances and plays are being organised to raise funds.

A grand swimming gala is to be held for the fund at the Victoria Barracks Swimming Bath on Sunday, Nov. 4th at 2.30 p.m. The events include: 100 yds. open freestyle; 100 yds. open backstroke; 100 yds. open breaststroke; 100 yds. services open breaststroke; Relay race free style; 4 men in a team, one team each from Chinese, rest of Colony, Navy, R.A.F., and 3 Commando Brigade.

Relay race medley, 3 men in a team, free, breast, back, same teams as above. Exhibition of butterfly stroke and diving. Water polo 3 Commando Brigade v Chinese team.

Entrance fee one dollar per event.

Service entries should be in to Capt. A. V. Mearns, 44 (R.M.) Cdo, Tel. 56405 by noon Tuesday 30th October.

Other entries to Enrique Ching, Esq. 50, Queen's Road Central, 1st floor. Tel. 20384.

Heats will be run off on Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd November.

Fifteenth List

London, Oct. 25. The names of 465 Bulgarians, and Italians against whom charges are being brought by the United Kingdom, France and Yugoslavia, are contained in the fifteenth list of War Criminals issued in London last night. The list is secret.—Reuter.

Empire Unity
Solid

London, Oct. 25. The desire of India, the British Dominions and Colonies to re-establish trade with Britain in preference to trading in America and elsewhere was the outstanding feature of the Empire Chambers of Commerce Conference in London last week, the report of which is issued to-day.

Business men from thirteen Empire countries, including India, Ceylon, and Ceylon, participated in the conference and emphatically favoured Imperial Preference.

Sir George Morton, leader of the Indian delegation, said Empire unity was as strong as ever before. Sir Miles Thomas, one of the leading Home delegates, at a press conference to-day explained that personal contact of Empire business men at the conference had brought home the deep ties, which held the Empire together. "There is more solid feeling for the mother country than ever before," said Sir Arthur Sparks, leader of the Australian delegation.—Reuter.

CANBERRA ALL SOCIAL

Canberra, Oct. 25. Women waited patiently for hours in the sun to see Australia's most important social event for years to-day—the wedding of Viscountess Clive, Lady-in-waiting to the Duchess of Gloucester, to Brigadier Derek S. Schreiber, Chief-of-Staff to the Duke of Gloucester, who gave the bride away.

Three and a half year old Prince William, in cherry-coloured trousers and a white shirt, was attendant.—Reuter.

Mr. Bevin And
Egypt

Cairo, Oct. 25. The statement by the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, on Anglo-Egyptian friendship at yesterday's Alamein Memorial luncheon is being interpreted by observers here as an indication that Mr. Bevin has recently given Egypt—and possibly Assam, Iraq, and the Sudan—some broad outline of Britain's plan to co-operate in Egypt's desire for complete independence.

These observers believe that Mr. Bevin, while stressing the need for continued British interest in the Middle East, may have indicated the British desire, as soon as possible, to concentrate her forces in some part of the Suez Canal region where, in addition to military garrisons, there would be provision for naval and air force establishments.—Reuter.

RANK BAD
SHOOTING

Lima, Oct. 25. The Inspector-General of the Peruvian Army, General Federico Hurtado, and Colonel Cesar Pario Muncho, a Peruvian Senator, of the "Partido" (American Revolutionary Party) shot out a duel with pistols in one of the main boulevards of Lima, the Peruvian capital.

Although each fired three shots, neither combatant was wounded. The duel arose out of some comments passed by Colonel Muncho on Peruvian Army officers which led to an exchange of blows.

An observer described the duel scene as "one tense drama, with absolute silence, punctuated only by the words of command of the umpire."—Reuter.

Wong Chung and Lo Shu-sing were sentenced to four months' imprisonment by Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday, for stealing a wooden pole from a house in the Central district.

Washington, Oct. 25. The United States Marine Corps to-day set discharge scores of fifty points for marines and twenty points for women marines.—Associated Press.

Kowloon Dock Already Down to Work

Charter Now Part Of Law Of Nations

Washington, Oct. 25. The United Nations World Security Organisation became a fact yesterday when the Secretary of State, Mr. James Byrnes, signed the ratification of the protocol.

The signing followed the deposit of ratification documents earlier in the day by Poland, Ukrainian and White Russian Republics and, finally, the Soviet Union. The four ratifications brought the total nations completing the action required at 29 nations.

Secretary of State Byrnes said: "The United Nations Charter is now a part of the law of the nations. This is a memorable day for peace-loving peoples of all nations." He pledged that the United States would do the utmost with other United Nations to preserve world peace.

Mr. Byrnes signed the protocol with two pens and will give one to Mr. Cordell Hull, ex-Secretary of State, often called the father of the United Nations. He said that he might give the other to President Truman but hoped to keep it himself.

All the Big Five have now ratified the Charter, plus the Philippines, New Zealand and others.

India and Australia are among the ratifiers but have not yet deposited their documents here.—Associated Press.

TOO LENIENT WITH JAPS

Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 25. Olin S. Grover returned from a Japanese prison camp to-day to express the opinion that the Japanese are being treated too leniently.

He said he and his companions grew too weak in prison to work in the steel mills to which they were assigned, and then the Japanese "grinned from ear to ear" while abusing them.

But he said they got some satisfaction after Japan's surrender. He said they caught two brutal camp guards who were responsible for at least 30 deaths "and when we got through with them they weren't recognisable." — Associated Press.

WHEN THE ROYAL NAVY ENTERED HONG KONG SEVEN WEEKS AGO THEY FOUND THE PORT IN A BAD STATE OF MAINTENANCE, DAMAGED BY BOMBS AND NEGLIGENCE, BUT NOT IN THE HOPELESS CONDITION ANTICIPATED. THERE WERE 20 VISIBLE WRECKS IN THE HARBOUR AND A GREATER NUMBER OF SUNKEN WRECKS AWAY FROM THE FAIRWAYS.

THE EASTERN HALF OF THE NAVAL DOCKYARD WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED INCLUDING THE ELECTRICAL SHOP AND SUBMARINE BATTERY CHARGING SHOP. BUT THE POWER HOUSE WAS IN REASONABLE WORKING ORDER AND WAS PUT INTO ACTION BEFORE DUSK, WHILE THE LARGE DRY DOCK SEEMED IN GOOD CONDITION ALTHOUGH PARTLY FOULED BY WRECK AND DEBRIS.

Aberdeen dockyard was found in good condition and had actually been enlarged by the Japanese. A new slipway had been built capable of slipping vessels up to 500 tons.

Taikoo dockyard, Hong Kong & Whampoa dockyard and Kowloon and Cosmopolitan dockyard were almost completely destroyed.

Living accommodation in the dockyard was left in a filthy condition and it was obvious that it had been in that state for some time.

In the initial and later stages of the rehabilitation of the dockyard naval officers and dockyard officials who had been interned, or ex-prisoners of war gave valuable assistance. So much work was accomplished at the very start that within a few days of entering the port a signal was made that the dockyard was open and a limited amount of repairs could be undertaken. By September 12th three minesweepers had cleaned boilers alongside the dockyard.

KOWLOON DOCK In the Hong Kong and Whampoa dock work has actually been resumed on a 10,000 ship which was being built before the Japanese occupation. Stonecutters Island was found in fair condition but the wireless equipment was destroyed. Within a week of taking over the station, naval radio staffs had re-equipped it with the latest transmitters and contact was made with Admiralty. The station is now handling all the Hong Kong Naval traffic.

Three salvage vessels are at work in the port. The Salvator has cleared the wreck fouling the entrance to the naval dry dock, the Salvator is clearing wrecks in the tidal basin, and the King Salvor is raising sunken mooring buoys in the man of war anchorage and commercial moorings.

One result of this was the opening of the naval dry dock which immediately docked an 8,000 ton oiler for screw repairs. AHEAD OF SCHEDULE Harbour work is handicapped by the shortage of harbour craft

KONOYE'S ATTITUDE

Tokyo, Oct. 25. Accepting full responsibility for having played a leading role in Japanese affairs since the outbreak of the war with China, Prince Fumimaro Kono, the youngest of Japan's elder statesmen, plans to relinquish all his other court ranks and privileges, according to a report from Rome quoting what it called reliable sources. The News Agency said that Kono, who disclosed his plans to Marquis Koichi Kido, Lord Keeper of the Privy Seal.—Associated Press.

SIR KEITH PARK ARRIVES

The new Air Commander-in-Chief, South-East Asia, Air Chief Marshal Sir Keith Park, flew in from Singapore yesterday evening, arriving at Kai Tak Air Port at 6 p.m. in a Dakota C47.

Sir Keith was accompanied by Lady Park, who was in British Red Cross uniform, and by Air Vice-Marshal Wood. They were met at Kai Tak Air Port by Air Commodore W. A. D. Brook, C.B.E., and by Gr. Capt. J. L. Barker. The party left by launch for Queen's Pier, from where they motored to Government House.

Mexico City, Oct. 25. The Guatemalan Embassy to-day accused the political refugees here of conspiring against the government of his Republic.—Associated Press.

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Kowloon Railway Station Offices.

BURGOMEISTER RE-ARRESTED

Berlin, Oct. 25. Friedrich Bachmann, Soviet-appointed Burgomeister, was re-arrested by German police last night after the British Military Court had cleared him of disobeying British Military Government orders. The charges have not been disclosed.—Reuter.

Speeding Up Parliament

London, Oct. 25. The select committee which has been considering ways of speeding up House of Commons procedure in its first report published to-day, approves a proposal to refer substantially all bills to the standing committee. As many standing committees should be appointed as are necessary expediently to dispose of bills coming from the House thus saving time on the floor of the House.

The standing committee should normally sit half an hour longer than hitherto and if necessary should sit three days weekly to relieve congestion.

Government should be empowered under certain conditions to adjourn the House of Commons after questions.—Reuter.

Poles To Die

London, Oct. 25. The Allied Press Service in Germany reports that six Poles were to-day sentenced to death by the Military Court in Flensburg, on the German-Danish border, for murder and robbery with violence.

One of the accused, a Polish civilian labourer, at the head of a gang of Poles entered a German farm in Sillerup on the night of August 14th and threatened the farmer with his gun and then robbed him.

The other five accused carried out an armed attack on another German farm on the night of July 25th, killing two German military sentries.—Reuter.

COTTON STRIKE

Rochdale, Oct. 25. The strike of more than 1,000 cotton operatives in Rochdale, one of the largest ring spinning centres in Lancashire, threatens a complete stoppage of local mills, involving some 10,000 workers.—Reuter.

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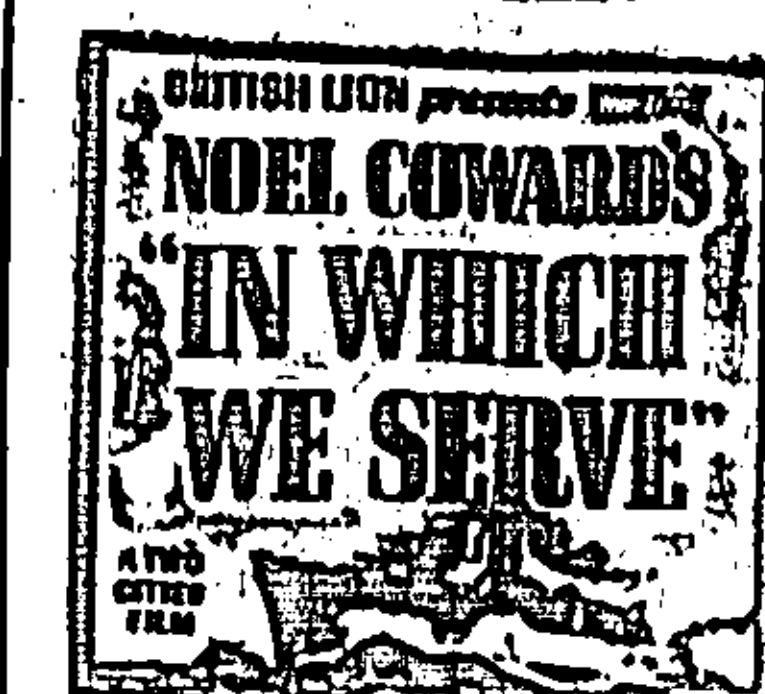
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RE: CUSTODIAN
PROCLAMATION, 1946
CLAIMS FOR CARGO

REMAINING IN GODOWN
Bunkers, merchants and others
who have any interest in cargo on
storage in premises now under my
control may forward schedules (in
duplicate) stating:—

1. Name of claimant, address
and telephone number.
2. Situation of godown and
name and address of owner
or lessee.
3. Interest claimed (sole or part
owner, Banker's lien, etc.).
4. Documents of title that can
be produced, or a statement of
the manner in which it
is proposed to prove interest.
5. Godown Lot number: ex
Steamer.....; Marks
and Nos.: Number and de-
scription of packages and
contents: Any other infor-
mation likely to assist in
tracing the cargo.
6. Amounts received from
Japanese Authorities on ac-
count of such cargo.

A separate schedule should be
forwarded for Godowns in (a)
West Point & Kennedy Town
Area, (b) the rest of Hong Kong
Island, (c) Hoi's Wharf, (d) Hong-
kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown
Co's properties, (e) elsewhere.

It will be appreciated that with
the small staff at my disposal
inspection of godowns by the public
to locate cargo cannot be allowed
for the time being, but every
endeavour will be made to locate
cargo claimed, and at a later date I
may be able to allocate supervisors
to accompany claimants to make
inspection.

H. A. WICKERSON,
Acting Custodian of Property,
Hong Kong,
23rd October, 1946.

Kwang Chow Wan's Upset

DESPITE ITS ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE AS A RICE-PRO-
DUCING AND PIG-REARING CENTRE, KWANGCHOW-
WAN, MAIN PORT OF THE LOCHOW-PENINSULA,
IS AT THE MOMENT IN A STATE OF ECONOMIC
CHAOS RESULTING FROM THE GENERAL UNCER-
TAINTY WITH REGARD TO SHIPPING AND PROS-
PECTS IN COMMERCIAL IMPORT AND EXPORT
LINES.

A FAIR VOLUME OF BUSINESS IS BEING DONE WITH
MACAO, BUT A FLEET OF 18 TRADING JUNKS
AGAINST THE PRE-WAR SHIPPING SPACE AF-
FORD BY COASTAL VESSELS OF SMALL DIS-
PLACEMENT AND FLEETS OF SEVERAL HUN-
DRED TRADING JUNKS PROMISES VERY LITTLE
FOR PRESENT PROSPERITY.

There is to-day a large volume of
traffic from Kweilin via
Kwangchowwan, and from there
by sea to Macao. Chinese who
spent the war years in the in-
terior are gradually congregat-
ing there to await available
passage back to their homes in
the freed territory.

A single room in a first-class
hotel costs C.N.\$500 nightly. The
rate compares favourably to that
prevailing in Canton and else-
where, and has been made possible
by the fact that Kwangchowwan
throughout the war was mainly a
city of hotels, a large traffic of
refugees from the occupied areas
being catered for throughout 1941
to 1945.

Japanese infiltration, first
through innumerable agents and
then through actual occupation
with a garrison of 3,000 troops
brought stalemate.

FORT BAYARD

The Japanese in Kwangchowwan
were not particularly oppressive,
and though the Gendarmerie func-
tioned, there were no wholesale
arrests on the scale practiced in
other occupied territory. Fort
Bayard's status as French terri-
tory was respected until March,
1945, when the French residents
brought military personnel of some
100 and the Annamite garrison of
750 were confined to barracks at
Fort Bayard.

Kwangchowwan also had its
D-Day and its V-Day and its week
of rejoicing. American rescue
squads were the first to arrive,
bringing with them the usual
medicine, special rations, cig-
arettes, chocolate and American ma-
gazines.

JAPANESE SURRENDER

Following them came Lt. Gen.
Tang Lung-kuo's army toward the
end of September and the sur-
render of the Japanese garrison,
who were removed and interned
some distance inland. Lt. Gen.
Tang later left to accept the sur-
render of the Japanese garrison
on Hainan Island.

The new rice crop—the harvest
should be in mid-November—is the
most promising in several seasons.
Prices should fall as a result, but
the local economic situation—with
cost of labour inflated as a result
of the high price of rice—points
to no immediate prospects of de-
velopment of the export trade.

The last rice crop was so poor
that it was necessary throughout
the summer to import through
Macao and the lack of shipping
boosted the price within a few
weeks from C.N.\$3,000 to C.N.\$7,
500 a picul.

PRICE LEVELS

All business enterprises, includ-
ing the fairly important charcoal-
burning concessions had to raise
prices with the result that char-
coal was quoted at C.N.\$800 per
picul, a phenomenal rate by old
Kwangchowwan standards.

Pork and Kwangchowwan's
porkers have always been in
demand throughout South China—
costs C.N.\$400 a catty. Chicken,
another local-reared item, costs
C.N.\$500. Eggs are scarce, but
cost only C.N.\$25 a piece when
available, a rate much cheaper
than that prevailing anywhere in
the West River area south of
Walchow.

The sea-journey by junk between
Kwangchowwan and Macao takes
some two and a half sailing days
on an average. Passenger accom-
modation is limited but junk-
masters are squeeze in additional
passengers to the extent where
there is only sardine-like accom-
modation.

U.S. TRADE PLANS IN CHINA

Shanghai, Oct. 25.
The trade expert of the
American State Department
here commented to-day: "We
are going to increase our im-
ports from China so as to create
export markets."

"We must interchange all
needed articles," he said.—As-
sociated Press.

YOUNG WOMAN SENT TO PRISON

A young Chinese woman, Lai
Lan, was sentenced to three
months' hard labour by Mr. Leo
D'Almeida at the Summary Mil-
itary Court yesterday, for the theft
of three bed sheets, a suit of
clothing and a table cloth.

It was alleged that she stole the
articles from a fellow tenant at
No. 59, Queen's Road West, first
floor, and sold them for \$100.

Boston, Oct. 25.
The Ice Hockey season opened
here last night with the Chicago
Black Hawks beating the Boston
Bruins by five to four in the last
few minutes of an exciting game.

The home team was leading four
to three seven minutes from the
time when Captain Hamill of
Chicago got two unassisted goals
to snatch victory.—Reuter.

Bevin Pessimistic

London, Oct. 25.
The British Foreign
Secretary, Mr. Ernest
Bevin, stated in the House
of Commons to-day that he
doubted if it was possible
to devise any organisation
to deal with human prob-
lems in Europe "in the
present political situation."
This statement was made
in reply to a question ask-
ed whether he was satisfied
with the United Nations
Relief and Rehabilitation
Organisation and other
bodies dealing with such
problems.—Associated
Press.

Arab Slap At America

CAIRO, OCT. 25.
OUTSPOKEN RESENTMENT
OF WHAT IS DESCRIBED AS
AMERICAN INTERFERENCE
IN PALESTINE IS CONTAINED
IN THE NEWSPAPER "AL
MOKATTAM" ONE OF THE
LEADING ARABIC JOURNALS
IN CAIRO.

Referring to the visits of Ameri-
can Congressmen the paper says:
"The people are weary of these
intruders who take advantage of
their position in the American
Congress to strengthen their vain
arguments."

"Gentlemen, Palestine is not part
of the United States, neither is it
within the realm of her empire as
Cuba and the Philippines. You
have not participated, nor has
your country, in the liberation of
Palestine, and her people have no
obligation to you."

"What then is the meaning of
your intrusion accompanied by a
complete lack of comprehension of
her affairs, and how long is this
blundering, represented by your
orders to open her doors, to con-
tinue, and why do you not turn
your eyes to your own country and
ask that its doors be opened to the
persecuted for whom your hearts
are so sore?"

"How long will this blatant
hypocrisy endure and how long
must people endure it?"
"Palestine is not American nor
is she an American dominion nor
is her fate in the hands of Ameri-
can Senators and Representatives.
Is this understood or not?"—
Reuter.

Berlin, Oct. 25.
Field-Marshal von Mackensen,
96-year-old "Father of the Ger-
man Army" is dangerously ill at
his farm near Belsen. A lieutenant
in the Franco-Prussian war in
1870-71, he became Field commander
in the 1914 war.—Reuter.

Sino-Russian Talks On Occupation

CHUNGKING, OCT. 25.
RUSSIAN AND CHINESE OFFICIALS ARE IN NEGOTIA-
TION CONCERNING WHETHER THE CHINESE
NATIONALIST OCCUPATION FORCES DESTINED FOR
MANCHURIA MAY LAND AT DAIREN AND PORT
ARTHUR.

THE FACT THAT THIS QUESTION WAS SUBJECT TO
NEGOTIATION IS CONSIDERED HIGHLY SIGNI-
FICANT, ACCORDING TO A DESPATCH HERE. THE
DESPATCH, HOWEVER, FAILED TO EXPLAIN THE
SIGNIFICANCE.

The two governments have
already agreed that Chinese
troops will be landed at the
ports of Antang, Yingkow and
Halutao.

China's 13th and 52nd armies
will be transported to Manchuria
by the United States squadron
under Admiral Thomas C. Kinkaid.

Meanwhile, the independent
Chungking daily newspaper "Ta
Kung Wan Pao" reported that the
Chinese armies are proceeding to
Manchuria via land and sea, as
the Soviet forces withdraw in
accordance with the Sino-Soviet
Pact.

A Chinese army under General
Li Wen, meanwhile, is thrusting
toward Manchuria along the Pei-
ping-Hankow railroad.—Associated
Press.

Singapore Strike

Singapore, Oct. 25.

Though only about a hundred
coolies have returned to work at
the Singapore docks, the au-
thorities say that the tonnage
unloaded and cleared by military
prisoner-of-war labour yester-
day and to-day was above the
average and that no ships are
now awaiting discharge.

A senior officer said that he
was convinced that political
reasons do not underlie the
strike.

An unrecognised labour union
exists here at present and the
authorities are unwilling to
deal with the agitators.

It is stated that the coolies
are eager to return to work but
are intimidated by the or-
ganisers of the strike.—Reuter.

FIVE YEAR PLAN FOR LABOUR

PARIS, OCT. 25.
MR. N. M. JOSHI, INDIAN WORKERS DELEGATE AND
SECRETARY OF THE ALL-INDIA TRADE UNION,
TO-DAY PROPOSED TO DELEGATES FROM 48 COUN-
TRIES IN PLENARY SESSION OF THE INTERNA-
TIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE PREPARATION OF
A FIVE-YEAR PLAN BY THE INTERNATIONAL LA-
BOUR ORGANISATION TO IMPROVE THE LIVING
AND WORKING CONDITIONS OF BACKWARD COUN-
TRIES.

A PLANNED PROGRAMME SHOULD BE FORMULATED
BY THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION
IN COOPERATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF
INDIA TO BRING COUNTRIES LESS ADVANCED IN
SOCIAL CONDITIONS INTO LINE WITH MORE AD-
VANCED COUNTRIES.

Mr. Joshi said: "If all coun-
tries where conditions are less
advanced are to be brought into
line with those which are more
advanced this organisation
should make a planned pro-
gramme in cooperation with
national governments so that in
five years time—at the least in
ten years time—we shall have
been able to show substantial
progress. We might even be
able to show that equalisation
of conditions can be achieved."

Mr. Joshi severely criticised
the lack of progress of the In-
ternational Labour Organisation
in improving labour con-
ditions in India.

"During the last 26 years the
International Labour Organisa-
tion has not made any pro-
gress in improving real wages
in India. Wages have increas-
ed sometimes when the cost of
living has gone up but wages
have never kept pace with the
increase in the cost of living."

IN 26 YEARS

"During the last 20 years
hours of work have been re-
duced from 12 hours a day be-
fore 1919 to 54 hours week and
ten hours a day but I feel that
26 years is long enough to bring
India's hours of work to 48
hours, which is the convention
passed by this conference."

"During the last 26 years we
have not made progress, if you
take the country as a whole, in
giving workers improved
houses. What little progress we
have made can be counted as
affecting about four to five
million workers out of a total
of eight million wage earners in
the country."

"The workers of India are
anxious not to be a drag on the
progress of the world. We are
therefore anxious that condi-
tions in India should be the
same as those in more advanced
countries."—Reuter.

Secret Franco Trial

London, Oct. 25.
Twenty-two members of the
Spanish underground "National
Confederation of Labour" are
facing a summary trial in Madrid,
states a telegram received by the
Spanish Refugee Quarters in Lon-
don to-day.

The telegram, sent by the Na-
tional Committee of Federation, is
stated to have been smuggled out
of Spain.

It states: "It is most urgent
that you influence the Democratic
countries in the summary trial
at Cadix of twenty-two of our
members of Algebrans, scheduled
for October 22 to 30."

The Spanish Embassy in Lon-
don to-day told Reuter that they
had no knowledge of the trial.

The National Confederation of
Labour, one of the two large
trade union movements in Spain,
has been working underground
since the defeat of the Spanish
Republic in 1939, according to
Republican quarters in London.
Before then, it supported the
Spanish Republican Government
in which some of its members held
office.—Reuter.

Soccer Problems

London, Oct. 25.
Mr. W. C. Cuff, President of
the Football League, has not yet
received a reply from the Chan-
cellor of the Exchequer to his
request that outdoor sporting
players be placed on the "living
performers" schedule but has "high
hopes that something will be done
to alleviate the position by the
next budget in April."

Mr. Cuff, referring to the pools,
says that shareholders clubs can
quite simply alter Monday's deci-
sion, adding: "All they have to
do is to call a special meeting
and get the decision reversed."
The President does not think
there will be a players' strike.—
Reuter.

HOME SOCCER

London, Oct. 25.
In a Third League (South)
match to-day Bournemouth and
Boscombe Athletic lost at home
to Swindon by 2 goals to 4.
Guy's Hospital and Cambridge
University drew with 6 points
each in a Rugby Union match,
while Hart's Hospital lost to the
R.A.F. by 17 points to nil.
Wakefield Trinity defeated Leeds
by 14 points to 7 in the semi-
final of the Rugby League York-
shire Cup.—Reuter.

RADIO

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26th, 1945.

"MADAME BUTTERFLY"

(PUCCINI)—Act 1.

ZBW HONGKONG Broadcasting on
Frequencies of 690 Kilocycles from
12.30 to 1.30 p.m., 0.80 to 1.80 p.m.,
and 9.00 to 10.30 p.m. on 9.45
Megacycles.

H. K. T.

12.30 p.m.—Hawaiian Selections.

12.50 p.m.—Charlie Kuns—Piano.

1.00 p.m.—News & Announcements.

1.10 p.m.—Tchaikovsky—"Romeo &
Juliet" Overture.

1.30 p.m.—Haydn—Symphony No. 101
In D Minor (The Clock).

3.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—Victor Ellsler & His Or-
chestra.

7.00 p.m.—News & Announcements.

7.10 p.m.—Light Orchestral Selections.

7.30 p.m.—Compositions of Gershwin.

8.00 p.m.—Old English Music.

9.00 p.m.—News & Announcements.

9.10 p.m.—"Madame Butterfly"
(Puccini)—Act 1.

10.00 p.m.—News from London.

10.05 p.m.—"Music with A Lull"—
Dance Music.

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

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